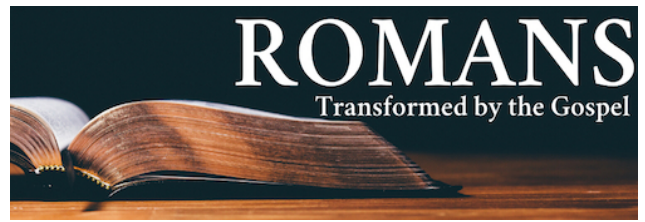


# Suffering Can't Touch Glory!

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## Romans 8:18-25

1. Suffering and glory are inseparable, but not comparable.
  2. Creation is deeply affected by the Fall, and now eagerly longs for glory to be revealed.
  3. Christians have a unique hope in that we wait eagerly for our adoption and redemption of our bodies.
  4. Endure the suffering of this world, because Glory is worth more than you can imagine.
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## Questions

1. In what ways have you experienced suffering as a result of living in a fallen world?
2. In what ways does suffering hinder us from seeing glory or hope? Do you form expectations that were never intended?
3. Misplaced hope will always affect our view of God. What is the danger in expecting deliverance from your suffering in this world? How does this affect your view of God?
4. If you were to conclude that God does not exist based on suffering, how does this change the reality of suffering?
5. In what ways is it helpful to know that hope is not something you see, but rather something you cling to believing God will keep His promises?
6. Where do you tend to extend your focus... to the here and now or to a future glory? What are some ways you can remind yourself to eagerly long for this future glory to help you to endure through suffering?

**Next Steps:** August Reading Plan (Week 4)

**Day One:** John 15  
**Day Two:** John 16  
**Day Three:** John 17  
**Day Four:** John 18  
**Day Five:** John 19

### Journaling Tip:

Sometimes I find it helpful to think about what I read all day and journal a thought about the reading at the end of the day that seemed to come up in my mind several times.

**Next Week's Sermon:** Romans 8:26-27

### **August Scripture Memory:**

***31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.***

**Romans 8:31-34 (ESV)**